



BIBLE STUDY for Christ the King



Focus Text: Psalm 100

The writer of Psalm 100 summons the whole earth to “delight in the Lord”. The psalmist acknowledges the Kingship of God and motivates all people to *shout for joy and worship the Lord with gladness.*

Worship involves both an outward practice that reflects the inward and genuine character of the worshipper. Worshipping God therefore means a holistic declaration of God’s reign within a person, where the Kingship of God is fully recognised and witnessed.

Acknowledging the Kingship of God would have helped the shepherds of Ezekiel to perform their duties, knowing that they were accountable to God. They would treat the sheep with love and care.

Unlike Ezekiel’s shepherds, the worshippers of psalm 100 realised that all their being was from God and as such was able to praise Him and even invite others to do the same through their words and actions.

In the same way, the Ephesians impressed Paul because of their holistic attitude towards God through Jesus Christ, whose victory over death constantly ignited their hope.

It was Christ’s victory over death that operated within those whom Jesus termed sheep, those humble and ready to follow the commands of the King.

As Christians celebrating the reign of Christ today, we know and claim that all good services we undertake towards our fellow human beings and to nature, have their origin in listening to the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ.

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*Shepherd of Israel, hear our prayer
as your Son heard the plea
of the criminal crucified with him.
Gather into Christ's holy reign
the broken, the sorrowing, and the sinner,
that all may know
wholeness, joy, and forgiveness.
Amen.*

